

WASHINGTON, DC - Congressman Jim Costa, D-Fresno, today announced that he is accepting applications for the House of Representatives Congressional Page Program for this fall semester. Candidates must be at least 16 years old, entering their junior year in high school, carry at least a 3.0 GPA, and reside in the 20th Congressional District in order to apply. This is a very competitive program, with only 66 Page positions available in the House of Representatives per semester. The application deadline for the fall semester is June 13

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"The Page program is one of the best ways for young men and women to truly learn the workings of Congress," said Costa. "The hands-on experiences they will have will be carried with them forever, and even give them a leg-up as they complete their high school education and consider college. I am excited to bring a student from our Valley to Washington, DC for the fall, and I strongly encourage interested students to apply."

Congressional Pages hired by the House of Representatives perform a wide variety of tasks and act as vital messengers between the House and the Senate chambers by delivering legislation from the House, and personal correspondence between Members of Congress. They also provide assistance to the House Cloakroom throughout the legislative day, and prepare the House Chamber for floor sessions.

Costa's nominee will serve in Washington, DC from September 2007 to January 2008. Along with working on the House Floor, Pages attend school and receive a \$13,000 stipend for their work. While living in Washington, Pages live in the Page Residence Hall, which has appropriate security and proper supervision.

Students interested in applying should contact one of Congressman Costa's offices immediately to receive an application. Students must reside within the 20th Congressional District to be considered for the program. For more information, please visit Congressman Costa's website at

www.house.gov/costa

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